Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, According to the Surgeon General's report, Health United States, 1980, trauma is the leading cause of death in the United States for persons under the age of 34; and,

WHEREAS, The number of deaths each year, resulting from trauma of the head, is estimated at over 100,000, and 50,000 people a year who survive with a serious head injury are left with intellectual impairment of such degree as to preclude their return to a normal life; and,

WHEREAS, The National Head Injury Foundation, Inc. (NHIF), concerns itself with all aspects of the problem of head injury, such as stimulate public and professional awareness of this silent epidemic, expand a central clearing house for information and resources for the head injured and their families, develop a support group network, and establish specialized head injury rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, Today, the NHIF proudly serves as the only advocacy organization working to improve the quality of life for those persons confronted by "The Silent Epidemic" and is a nonprofit agency supported by membership dues, fund-raising events contributions and grants:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1989 as

NATIONAL HEAD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE